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((TEXT)) HAMBURG, 16 JAN (DPA) -- THE LIBYAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADER, COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI, HAS WARNED THE EUROPEANS ABOUT TAKING PART IN THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON HIS COUNTRY BY THE UNITED STATES. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ARD ((FIRST GERMAN TELEVISION -- FBIS)) PROGRAM "TAGESTHEMEN," AL-QADHDHAFI SAID ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT THAT IF THEY DID "THEN THEY WOULD PUNISH THEMSELVES, BECAUSE THEY HAVE MAJOR INTERESTS IN LIBYA."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER SEVERAL THOUSAND GERMANS CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE COUNTRY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME, AL-QADHDHAFI SAID THAT THEY COULD OF COURSE DO THAT. BUT GERMAN INTERESTS WOULD SUFFER, HE ADDED.

ABOUT THE THREATENED USE OF LIBYAN TERRORIST GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES AL-QADHDHAFI SAID: "IF THE UNITED STATES ATTACKS US WE WILL DEFEND OURSELVES. BUT SINCE WE ARE A SMALL COUNTRY AND CANNOT REACH THE UNITED STATES, WE WILL SEND PEOPLE THERE WHO ARE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES." IN HIS DEFENSE, AL-QADHDHAFI CITED THE INTERNATIONAL RIGHT TO DEFEND ONESELF. "WE WILL DESTROY THE UNITED STATES FROM WITHIN," HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE REPORTS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF TRAINING CAMPS FOR PALESTINIAN COMMANDOS IN LIBYA, AL-QADHDHAFI SAID, "THESE CAMPS ARE NOT IN LIBYA 'AT THE MOMENT'." BUT HE ADDED THAT IF THE "LIBERATION OF PALESTINE" MADE IT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THEM IN LIBYA, THEN IT WOULD BE "OUR NATIONAL DUTY" TO DO THAT.

THE INTERVIEW, GIVEN IN TRIPOLI, BEGAN WITH THE QUESTION ON WHETHER AL-QADHDHAFI REGRETTED THE BLOODY ATTACKS ON ROME AND VIENNA AIRPORTS. THE LIBYAN HEAD OF STATE AVOIDED GIVING A STRAIGHT ANSWER BY SAYING THAT IN THAT CASE OTHER BLOODBATHS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE REGRETTED AND REFERRED, AMONG OTHERS, TO U.S. INTERVENTION IN GRNEADA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE MASSACRE AT PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN BEIRUT.

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